

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Monday, January 12, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Montgomery, Commissioner Callisto and Commissioner Nowak.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meetings of Thursday, December 18, 2014, and Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

4220-SB-134 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Issue and Sell Up to \$150,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Long Term Debt Securities

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6690-EA-175 - Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Remove an Overhead Electric Line Located at 11101 Carstens Lake Road in the Town of Liberty, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

460-TE-100 - Application of Benton Municipal Electric Utility, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4530-TE-100 - Application of Pardeeville Municipal Electric Utility, Columbia County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4540-TW-100 - Application of Pardeeville Municipal Water Utility, Columbia County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4880-TE-100 - Application of Princeton Municipal Electric Utility, Green Lake County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4880-TW-100 - Application of Princeton Municipal Water Utility, Green Lake County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5380-TE-100 - Application of Sheboygan Falls Municipal Electric Utility, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5380-TW-100 - Application of Sheboygan Falls Municipal Water Utility, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5740-ER-108 - Application of the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6690-GF-124 - Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for a Gas Risk Management Program

The Commission approved the Order to Reopen and Request for Comments and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1-AC-245 - Natural Gas Public Utility Territorial Agreements

Notice of Hearing and Draft Rules

The Commission approved the Notice of Hearing and draft rules regarding gas territorial agreements and directed Commission staff to make the necessary filings.

5-CE-143 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Madison Gas and Electric Company for a Certificate of Authority to Install a Selective Catalytic Reduction System at Columbia Energy Center Unit 2

The Commission approved the joint application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Madison Gas and Electric Company for a Certificate of Authority to install a Selective Catalytic Reduction System at Columbia Energy Center Unit 2.

The Commission determined that an order point shall be added to the final decision in this matter instructing the applicants to promptly notify the Commission if the project costs, including *force majeure* costs, exceed the estimated costs by more than five percent.

The Commission directed the Chief Legal Counsel to meet with the utilities and other stakeholders to discuss a process for providing the Commission with advance notice prior to the utilities' entry of any settlement agreements or consent decrees that would involve commitments for which the utilities would be seeking rate recovery. The Commission requested an informational memorandum regarding the results of this meeting be prepared and submitted to the Commission for review. After review of the informational memorandum, the Commission will decide what further action, if any, would be appropriate in regard to this matter.

The Commission further directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6680-DR-112 - Petition of Hackett Solar 1 for Declaratory Ruling Regarding PgS-3 Tariff of Wisconsin Power and Light Company

The Commission accepted the request to withdraw the complaint filed on behalf of Petitioner, Hackett Solar 1, and determined that this docket may be closed.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Callisto moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Nowak seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

FERC Docket No. ER14-2952-000 – Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

**Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.’s Response to the Commission’s
November 28, 2014, Deficiency Letter Regarding a Proposed Revision in Cost Allocation
Rate Schedules 43, 43G, and 43H**

**FERC Docket No. EL14-103-000 – Tilden Mining Company, et al., v. Midcontinent
Independent System Operator, Inc.**

**FERC Docket No. EL14-104-000 – Michigan Public Service Commission v. Midcontinent
Independent System Operator, Inc.**

**FERC Docket No. EL15-7-000 – Michigan Public Service Commission v. Midcontinent
Independent System Operator, Inc.**

The Commission determined that it would file supporting comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in docket ER14-2952-000, consistent with its discussion.

The Commission delegated authority to the Chief Legal Counsel to review and approve the supporting comments prior to filing.

**FERC Docket No. ER15-698-000 – Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota
corporation, and Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation**

Interchange Agreement – Prairie Island Extended Power Uprate Costs

The Commission directed staff to prepare a “doc-less” intervention with FERC in docket ER15-698-000, consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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